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1. LATEST EDITION OF WEEKLY MERCADO FEATURED INTERVIEW WITH RETIRED BRIGADIER GEN CARLOS DELIA LARocca (UNTIL RETIREMENT COMMANDER OF THIRD ARMY CORPS IN TUCUMAN) CONCERNING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SUBVERSION IN ARGENTINA. THE GEN PLACED MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY ON THE GOA FOR BRINGING ABOUT SOCIAL-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS TO FESTER AND GROW. GOA'S (AND MOST RECENTLY, ROBLEDO'S) CLAIM THAT SUBVERSION IS DIRECTED FROM ABROAD WAS REJECTED AND CRITICIZED BY DELIA LARocca.

2. GEN DELIA LARocca SAID MILITARY WOULD NEXT CONFRONT SUBVERSIVES IN THE PLANTS AND FACTORIES OF ARGENTINA. HE INDICATED ECONOMIC TERRORISM IS COSTING THE COUNTRY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THROUGH LOSS OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT, REINVESTMENT AND WILDCAT WORK STOPPAGES. A RECENTLY ADOPTED TACTIC IS THE RETENTION OF KIDNAPPED COMPANY EXECUTIVES BY TERRORISTS NOT MERELY UNTIL RANSOM MONEY IS PAID, BUT UNTIL DEMANDS OF WORKERS ARE MET AS WELL. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BETWEEN INDUSTRIALISTS AND MILITARY INVOLVING A TYPE OF MONITORING

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OF ACTIVISTS AND POSSIBLY MANNED SECURITY WATCH OF EQUIPMENT. THIS LATTER STEP BECAME NECESSARY AT THE NAVAL SHIPYARDS IN RIO SANTIAGO AFTER THE BOMBING OF A SHIP IN HIGH SECURITY AREA. PERPETRATORS OF THE BOMBING NEVER DISCOVERED BUT BELIEVED AMONG WORKERS. DELIA LARocca SUGGESTED NEW LABOR LEGISLATION TO CONTROL THESE TYPES OF DISRUPTIONS AND NEW THINKING IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRIES OF ECONOMY, LABOR, AND INTERIOR BECAUSE OF OBVIOUS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

3. DELIA LARocca SADDLED GOVT WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRORIST PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF ARGENTINA'S INEQUITIES IN THE SOCIAL-ECONOMIC STRUCTURE. HE SAID GOA WILL MAKE GAINS AGAINST SUBVERSION WHEN ADEQUATE MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO ELIMINATE THE PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF PERPETUATING THEM.

4. COMMENT: IN THE NEWLY PROPOSED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MILITARY AND INDUSTRY TO CURB SUBVERSION, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW MUCH SUPPORT THE EFFORT IS GIVEN BY GOVT ITSELF BEYOND THE LAWS SIGNED BY INTERIM PRES LUDER IN OCTOBER. MONTLLOR

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